

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 13, and 15 have been amended.

Claims 2, 3, 12, 16, and 17 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1, 4-11, 13-15, and 18 are currently pending in this application.

Claims 1, 6, 9, and 13 are in independent format.

1. Preliminary Amendments

The preliminary amendments to the Claims set forth above are believed to better set forth and claim that which the inventor regards as the invention.

2. Conclusion

Based on the foregoing, an examination of all pending claims is requested.

If for any reason the Examiner is unable to allow the application on the next Office Action and feels that an interview would be helpful to resolve any issues, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the purpose of arranging such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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